

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:374

ANSWERED ON:17.08.2001

CINEMA ON CONCURRENT LIST

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have constituted a Committee to seek a consensus on the issue of bringing the cinema from the State List to the Concurrent List of the constitution of India, as agreed to in the conference of State Information Ministers' Conference held in January, 2001;
- (b) if so, its constitution and terms of reference;
- (c) whether the Government have received the Committee Report;
- (d) if so, the details of recommendations made and accepted by Government;
- (e) whether these recommendations have been circulated to State Governments for their comments;
- (f) if so, the reactions of the State Governments thereto; and
- (g) by when it is proposed to implement these recommendations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.374 FOR ANSWER ON 17.8.2001.

The question of bringing the subject of 'Cinema' on the Concurrent List has been taken up with the State Governments. However, no consensus has been arrived at in the matter. The 24th Conference of State and Union Territory Ministers of Information and Cinematography held at New Delhi on 21-1-2001 deliberated upon this matter. In pursuance of their recommendations, a Committee has been set up for Development of the Entertainment Sector including films under the Chairpersonship of the Minister for Information & Broadcasting comprising State Ministers of Information and Public Relations from nine States, where, in addition to other issues pertaining to the entertainment sector, this issue will also be considered. The Committee has not submitted its report as yet.

The composition of the Committee constituted vide this Ministry's order No.103/1/2001 dated 14.2.2001 is as follows:

- (i) Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting - Chairperson
- (ii) Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting - Vice Chairman.
- (iii) Minister in charge of Information & PR, Government of Assam.
- (iv) Minister in charge of Information & PR, Government of Gujarat.
- (v) Minister in charge of Information & PR, Government of J&K.
- (vi) Minister in charge of Information and PR, Government of Jharkhand.
- (vii) Minister in charge of Information & PR, Government of Karnataka

(viii) Minister in charge of Information & PR, Government of Maharashtra.

(ix) Minister in charge of Information & PR, Government of Mizoram.

(x) Minister in charge of Information & PR, Government of Rajasthan.

(xi) Minister in Charge of Information and PR, Government of Tamil Nadu.

The terms of reference of the Committee are:

(i) To suggest a policy framework, both at the Centre and in the States, conducive for nurturing the entertainment sector.

(ii) To recommend changes in the legislative and regulatory framework due to the changing/evolving canvas of the entertainment sector.

(iii) To identify the additional infrastructure needs in terms of inter-alia, education, training, software production facilities, exhibition etc.

(iv) To suggest measures for boosting exports.

(v) To identify ways for providing financÃ© for cinema.

(vi) To review the taxation regime and recommend changes, which would be made conducive to greater revenue generation, and at the same time, also encouraging the entertainment sector.

(vii) Any other issue related or incidental for achieving the potential of the entertainment sector.